

Please do not vote to allow further deregulation of media ownership (TV, radio, newspaper, network). If anything, ownership rules need to be more restrictive. Too few companies already control too many of our media outlets. This has led to a decline in editorial diversity, increase in corporate conflicts of interest, and the neglect of local news and public service that are the supposed obligations of those with a broadcast license. As editorial diversity declines and conflicts of interest increase, freedom of the press is compromised through self-censorship and the reflection of corporate interests in editorial policies. A compromise of press freedom seriously jeopardizes our democracy by limiting the public's ability to inform itself. The pursuit of profit and economic efficiency in this instance is not in the public interest.